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ARMY CHIEF STAFF SANGOULE LAMIZANA ANNOUNCED TO ENTHUSIASTIC CROWD SEVERAL THOUSAND CENTER OUAGADOUGOU AT 2900 THAT HE HAD TAKEN OVER IN NAME ARMY. PROMISED RESPECT INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS AND MAINTAIN ENTENTE AND HAU RELATIONS. STATED ANNOUNCEMENT WOULD BE BROADCAST OVER RADIO SHORTLY.

LAMIZANGA WAS MAJOR IN FRENCH ARMY AND SERVED IN WW II AND INDOCHINA. HAS BACCALAUREAT.

LATER SPEAKER AT MEETING MENTIONED ELECTIONS BUT NOTHING DEFINITE AND NO CANDIDATES SPECIFIED. BELIEVED YAPEOGO WILL BE ALLOWED DEPART.

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1. FRENCH EMB JUST CALLED STATING FONOFF CHIEF PROTOCOL HAD ASKED FOREIGN DIPLOMATIC CORPS NOTIFY CHIEFS MISSION AND CHARGES COL LAMIZANA WOULD RECEIVE THEM AT CABINET OFFICE 1500. PURPOSE NOT STATED.

2. AS NO GOVT YET FORMED AND RECOGNITION PROBLEM ONLY INDIRECTLY POSED, AND AS FRENCH AMB TOLD ME YESTERDAY HE ATTEMPTING ARRANGE SUCH MEETING IN ORDER CORPS RECEIVE REPORT ON EVENTS, I INTEND ATTEND UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED.

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4. HAVE NOW RECONFIRMED [redacted] PURPOSE MTG TO RECEIVE SITUATION REPORT. [redacted] ABSENCE CHARGE WOULD BE MOST CERTAINLY NOTICED AND WOULD SEEM REGRETABLE. CONCUR BOTH ACCOUNTS AS LAMIZANA DOES REPRESENT STABILIZING AND MODERATE FORCE IN PRESENT SITUATION. REPEAT AGAIN THERE IS NO GOVT PER SE SAVE CHIEF STATE. ALSO WOULD APPEAR LITTLE LIKELIHOOD ATTENDANCE WOULD PREJUDICE OUR RELATIONS WITH COMITE D'ACTION AND OTHER CIVILIAN LEADERSHIP ELEMENTS AS RELATIONS THESE WITH LAMIZANA STILL SEEM GOOD. ALL OTHER AMBASSADOR (FRANCE, GERMANY, ISRAEL, GHANA, GRC) STATE WILL ATTEND.

GP-3. ROBERTS
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